

Torrance, California.  
June 23, 1936.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday evening, June 23, 1936 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Stanger called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Powell, the minutes of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned regular meeting held June 8, a regular meeting held June 9, a special meeting held June 12, and a special meeting held June 16, 1936 were approved as written.

# COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors re cancellation of taxes on property acquired by the City of Torrance for library purposes, and inclosing letter in regard thereto from H.L. Byram, County Tax Collector.

Referred to City Engineer.

Communication from Pacific Electric regarding storm drain installation at Carson, Cravens and Cabrillo.

Referred to City Attorney.

Communication from Torrance Chamber of Commerce, indorsing dedicatory dinner on June 27, 1936, and requesting \$150.00 appropriation to cover cost of dinner.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the appropriation be made. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Communication from the City Court of the City of Torrance, signed by Judge Lessing, regarding toy loan project being sponsored by the Coordinating Council, and requesting that the City Council appropriate \$5.00 per month to cover the cost of reconditioning, painting and sterilizing the toys.

Councilman Powell moved that the request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Communication regarding hog ranch on 182nd Street. Referred to City Engineer, with authorization to act, if he finds conditions favorable.

Communication from the League of California Municipalities, congratulating the City on completion of new civic center.

Communication from St. Cecelia's Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, thanking the City for the use of the Municipal Park for their picnic on June 3, 1936.

Communication from residents of the McDonald Tract, regarding difficulty in getting water service.

Referred to City Engineer for investigation and report.

Communication from the League of California Municipalities, regarding important new policy covering P.W.A. grant applications.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication with reference to lease contract between the City of Torrance and the United States Treasury Department for the premises at 1335 Post Avenue, for the W.P.A. sewing unit.

Clerk Bartlett explained that arrangements have now been made to lease 1340-1342 Post Avenue, so the lease will have to be returned with a letter of explanation.

Engineer Leonard stated that the sewing unit is ready to move into the new quarters and arrangements have been made to take care of the rental and water charges by the Torrance Community Service Association, all other expenses to be taken care of by the W.P.A..

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign the lease. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At this time the Ladies of the Loyal Order of Moose entered and presented a gavel to the Mayor, Mrs. Tom Wilkes delivering the presentation speech. Mayor Stanger expressed his appreciation.

Attorney Rippy presented for second reading and read the title of

## ORDINANCE NO. 283

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 85

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 283 be dispensed with. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Ordinance No. 283 be adopted for final

reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 971

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$6500.00  
TO THE DOMINGUEZ LAND CORPORATION

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 971 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 972

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, TO CANCEL  
TAXES ON LOT 23, BLOCK 7, TORRANCE TRACT

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 972 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 973

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE  
CHANGE ORDER NO. 8 IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING,  
P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 1175-R

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 973 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 974

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE  
CHANGE ORDER NO. 11 IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALL  
BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 1174-R

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 974 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 975

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$337.50  
ON CONTRACT WITH SIMPSON SCENIC STUDIO FOR  
ASBESTOS CURTAIN FOR PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALL  
BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 1174-R

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 975 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 976

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING  
AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND RECORDING OF  
NOTICE OF COMPLETION THEREOF, P.W.A. DOCKET  
NO. 1175-R

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 976 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 977

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO  
PETLEY AND MATCHAM ON CONTRACT FOR  
CONSTRUCTION OF CITY HALL AND JAIL BUILDING,  
AND PAYMENT OF 10% RETAINED IN CONNECTION THERE-  
WITH, P. W. A. DOCKET NO. 1176-R

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 977 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 978

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF \$5000.00  
FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY TO THE  
P.W.A. CITY HALL AND JAIL CONSTRUCTION FUND

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 978 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 979

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$48.24  
TO WALKER AND EISEN, ARCHITECTS, FOR SERVICES  
ON PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET  
NO. 1175-R

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 979 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 980

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$88.73  
TO WALKER AND EISEN, ARCHITECTS, FOR SERVICES  
ON CITY HALL AND JAIL BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET  
NO. 1176-R

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 980 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 981RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 964

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 981 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The City Attorney reported to the City Council that the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California was considering method of paying the cost of operating and maintaining the aqueduct and discharging the principal and interest on the bonds of the District, and that a Water Problems Committee, named by the Board of Directors of the District, had recommended that the cost of operating and maintaining should be paid out of "non-quota" water, being water which might be taken by cities, and that the principal and interest on the bonds were to be paid out of "quota" water and taxes, the amount of "quota" water allotted to the 13 cities amounting to 200,000 acre feet per year, at approximately \$28.38 per acre foot. This arrangement would provide for payment of about one-half of the capital charges and interest out of water and one-half out of taxes. It appeared that the "quota" water amounted to about 65¢ per 1000 cu. ft. and that the "non-quota" water amounted to approximately 45¢ per 1000 cu. ft., although the prices suggested were merely tentative. It was further reported that Orange County would probably annex to the District and that San Diego had made application for terms upon which it could annex, and that if Orange County and San Diego annexed to the District, the question of discharging the capital investment would then become a matter of small importance, because of the consumption of water by these additional areas.

The City Council was requested to express its opinion on the matter of how the capital investment and cost of operating and maintaining the aqueduct should be paid.

Upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the Council went on record as being in favor of securing water as cheaply as possible, the balance to be paid out of taxes.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 982

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$474.61  
TO WALKER AND EISEN, ARCHITECTS, FOR SERVICES  
ON PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALL BUILDING, P. W. A.  
DOCKET NO. 1174-R

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 982 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire reported that the Municipal Park is being used very actively, and that there are now 32 baseball teams in Torrance. He also stated that an endeavor is being made to secure the school grounds for summer playgrounds, with the hope that they may also be open two evenings each week.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Council approve an appropriation of approximately \$200.00 from gasoline tax funds for rock to be used in the improvement of Cabrillo Avenue. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that approximately \$175.00 be appropriated for oil to be used in the improvement of Cabrillo Avenue. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$800.00 be made for decomposed granite for use in improving Cabrillo Avenue. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that \$100.00 be appropriated to cover an itemized list of sporting goods and equipment for the playgrounds of the City for the summer. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell stated that the hog ranch on 182nd Street does not comply with County health regulations in connection with feeding, and he recommended that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance covering this situation.

Mayor Stanger said that Councilman Powell had offered a good suggestion with reference to the Municipal Park, namely the placing of a sign bearing the words "Torrance Municipal Park."

The City Engineer was requested to plan such a sign and submit same to the Council, together with an estimate of the cost.

It was also suggested that the old signs on the lamp posts be removed and replaced by Automobile Club signs, and that signs be placed in the Park pointing to the picnic grounds.

The City Clerk was directed to obtain information from the Automobile Club as to the cost of these signs.

Councilman Tolson presented tentative rules for the operation of the new Civic Auditorium.

Councilman Tolson requested Engineer Leonard to read a list of items needed by the Water Department.

Engineer Leonard called attention to the need for a dump truck, a winch, and some landscaping.

Councilman Tolson moved that \$115.00, approximately, be appropriated for a dump truck for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that \$310.00 be appropriated for a winch for the Water Department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that approximately \$200.00 be appropriated for landscaping for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Leonard brought up the question of the stand-by charge of \$100.00 per month by the Dominguez Water Company, stating that it seems that the stand-by assurance from the 33-inch main is not positive.

Councilman Hitchcock asked Mr. Leonard the approximate cost of installing a gas engine for stand-by purposes, to which Mr. Leonard replied that the amount would be about \$1200.00.

Engineer Leonard stated that he would like to take the matter up with the Edison Company, as Torrance has a very low rate from that company.

The possibility of a reduction in insurance rates was also discussed, and Clerk Bartlett was asked to write a letter to the Board of Fire Underwriters and request them to make a survey, their findings to be put in writing.

Engineer Leonard called attention to the need of sidewalks at the Fern Avenue school.

The Engineer was instructed to write the Board of Education of Los Angeles in this regard, and determine what amount they are willing to pay toward the cost of sidewalks between Cedar and the school, as well as around the school property.

Mayor Stanger referred to the charges for use of the Civic Auditorium, explaining that they are very fair compared with other municipal auditoriums and that they are necessary to defray the expense of maintaining the building. Otherwise, it would be necessary to increase the taxes. He requested that the tentative rules governing the use of the Auditorium be printed in the newspapers, together with the comparative charges of the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium.



Clerk Bartlett stated that the Long Beach W.P.A. Symphony Orchestra desires to give a concert in Torrance, admission to be free.

Councilman McGuire moved that the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra be invited to play in Torrance and that the City Clerk inform them that they may use the Civic Auditorium without charge. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented two bids on neon signs for the Police Station, as follows:

Buxton Neon Sign Co., Long Beach	-- \$95.00
Torrance Sign Co., Torrance	-- 87.50
(Plus sales tax)	

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$87.50, plus sales tax, be appropriated for the purchase of a neon sign for the Police Station from the Torrance Sign Company (out of next year's budget). Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Leonard explained application forms, accompanied by Resolutions (Nos. 983 and 984), in connection with the proposed improvement of the Fire Station Building and construction of an Administration Building.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 983

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THROUGH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR A GRANT TO AID IN FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ONE-STORY, WITH MESSANINE, SEMI-FIREPROOF, MUNICIPAL FIRE STATION BUILDING, AND DESIGNATING A. H. BARTLETT, CITY CLERK, AND F. R. LEONARD, CITY ENGINEER, TO FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION AS THE GOVERNMENT MAY REQUEST

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 983 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 984

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THROUGH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR A GRANT TO AID IN FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ONE-STORY, SEMI-FIREPROOF, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, AND ADDITION TO THE EXISTING ASSEMBLY HALL, AND DESIGNATING A. H. BARTLETT, CITY CLERK, AND F. R. LEONARD, CITY ENGINEER, TO FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION AS THE GOVERNMENT MAY REQUEST

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 984 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation in the amount of \$321.00, plus sales tax, be made for the purchase of fire extinguishers for the three buildings. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Councilman Tolson moved that \$205.17 be appropriated for liability insurance on the public buildings, the bid of Mr. Howard G. Locke having been accepted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Manuel Alvarez, of the Bear Baseball Team, stated that the collections taken at the games had not been sufficient to cover the charge of the visiting teams.

After some discussion, Councilman Powell moved that the balance of the \$50.00 appropriation previously made to the team (now amounting to about \$30.00) be given them, with the understanding that no more financial aid is to be given by the City. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Tom Watson complained of non-enforcement of the City's plastering ordinance.

Engineer Leonard explained that during the depression the City had shown some leniency, but that the ordinance is being enforced at present.

Mayor Stanger assured Mr. Watson that no discrimination would be shown.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 10:13 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, July 1, 1936 at 4:30 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Stanger  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.